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P.M. McGuigan, M.D.
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Dear Dr. McGuigan:

This is in reply to your letter to President Clinton regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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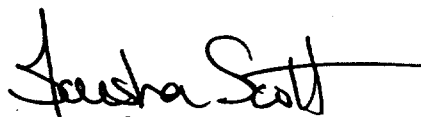
Dear Dr. McGuigan:

Thank you so much for your letter. President Clinton greatly appreciates the trust and confidence you have expressed in him by writing.

To give your concerns the special attention they deserve, the President has asked me to forward your letter to the Federal Communications Commission. I have asked them to provide you with a prompt reply, but please bear in mind that it may take several weeks to look thoroughly into the concerns you have raised. Should you have any questions after reviewing their response to you, you may write: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Many thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,



Marsha Scott
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential
Correspondence

Office of Legislative Affairs
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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UPDATE	UPDATE	UPDATE	UPDATE
DATE:	April 16, 1993		
FROM:	Lou Sizemore Office of Legislative Affairs		
SUBJECT:	White House Correspondence		
TO:	Bureaus/Offices		

The White House forwards to the FCC constituent correspondence for the FCC to prepare the response. The White House instructions on handling the correspondence is: return the original incoming letter with a copy of the response to the White House. When responding to any correspondence forwarded to the FCC from the White House, the following is the correct address to use when returning the response.

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January 25, 1993

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President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I was the Chief of General Surgery on the USS REPOSE in Vietnam during the Tet

in electronic development and are as narrow-banded in their signal receptivity as is attainable by modern technology.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

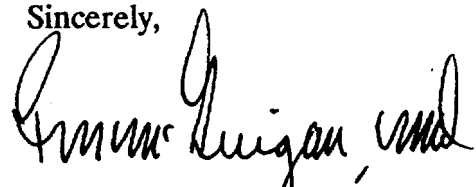
When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet or more, weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds, and are capable of actual speeds in excess of 150 mph. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.M. McGuigan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P.M. McGuigan, M.D.